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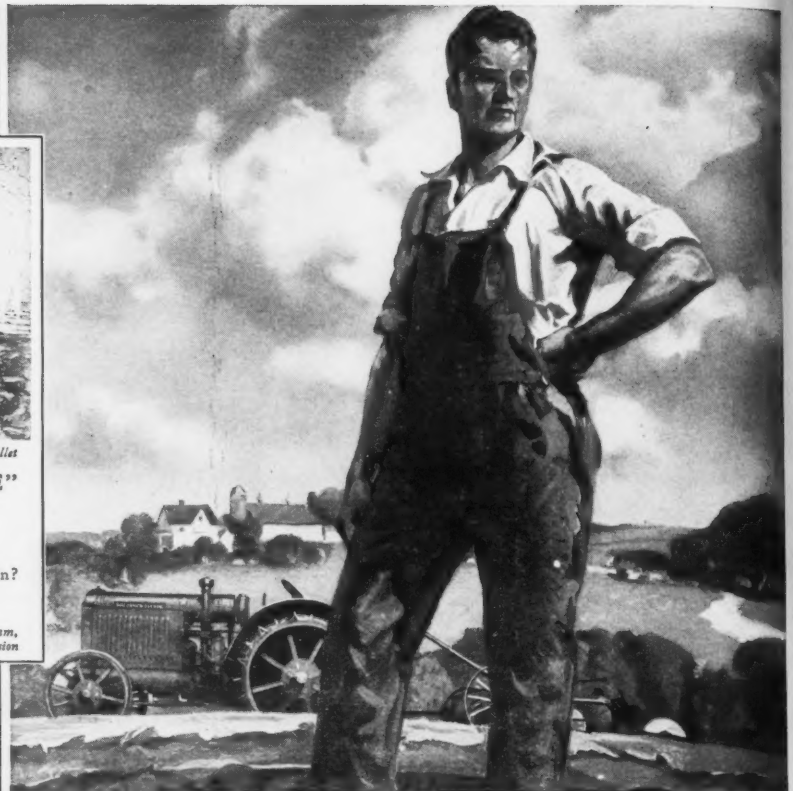


—from the celebrated painting by Millet

#### "THE MAN WITH THE HOE"

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Upon his hoe and gazes on the ground,  
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Whose breath blew out the light within this brain?  
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## Milk for Los Angeles

By Leland Spencer

**M**ENTION of Los Angeles brings visions of oranges and moving pictures. Nevertheless milk is a necessity of life, even in that land of perpetual springtime. Also the milk business has its problems there just as it has in New York and all other markets of the world. Because these problems were more troublesome than usual the past year, the University of California was asked to make a fact-finding study and offer suggestions for improvement. To the writer fell the honor and pleasure of directing this study.

The present article is devoted mostly to facts concerning the production or supply side of the milk business in Los Angeles County. At the outset however, let us have a brief statement of the demand side of the market. Los Angeles County has a population of more than 2,200,000. Less than 150,000 of these people live on farms, despite the fact that this is one of the most productive agricultural counties in the United States. Besides the city of Los Angeles which has a population of 1,200,000 there are a large number of smaller cities, all constituting a large metropolitan market.

The total distribution of milk in Los Angeles County is about 153,000 gallons, or 15,000 40-quart cans, a day. About 26 per cent of this is grade A raw milk. The raw milk is distributed mostly by small firms or individuals including many producer-distributors.

In spite of the warm climate the consumption of milk per capita is rather low, at least one-third less than in New York or Chicago. The average for Los Angeles is just over one-half pint per capita, daily. Fruits and vegetables are very cheap. Perhaps this is one reason for the low consumption of milk.

The population, and therefore the total consumption of milk in Los Angeles, has increased rapidly. The rate of increase since 1900 has been

just about 7 per cent a year. This was a very favorable situation for the milk distributors and also the producers, since it meant a rapidly increasing demand for their product. The past two or three years have been less promising. Population has increased but little and the purchases of milk, cream, and ice cream have been restricted by unemployment.

We have always thought that New York City had a very high standard of sanitary quality for milk. However, it must be admitted that Los Angeles has gone even further in its efforts to insure the safety of its milk supply. The handicap of a warmer climate is overcome by more general use of mechanical refrigeration. Over 90 per cent of the farms supplying milk to the city of Los Angeles are equipped with mechanical milk coolers.

**T**HE major part of the Los Angeles milk supply is produced in the immediate vicinity. A very intensive dairy section is located south of the city. Most of the dairy ranches in this district have only five to ten acres of land, and keep from 25 to 100 cows. One dairyman in this section has only ten acres but keeps over 400 cows. The average size of herds in the county is 56 cows. The land is used only as an exercise lot. All feed including hay is purchased. Likewise the cows are purchased, not raised.

Each month over 1000 cows are shipped into Los Angeles County as replacements for cows culled out of the herds. On the average a cow lasts between two and three years under these conditions. Thus you see that depreciation on cows is a very important item in the cost of milk production.

One reason for the rapid depreciation on cows is the heavy feeding with grain. The College dairy specialists say it is unprofitable to keep a cow in Los Angeles County

that produces less than a pound of milk fat a day. In their effort to get these high rates of production, most dairymen give their cows all the grain feed they will consume. For roughage they use alfalfa hay almost exclusively. The ration is much higher in protein than we are accustomed to in New York.

A factor that compensates in some measure for the high cost of cows and feed is the good market for manure. Having no use for manure on their own ranches, the dairymen find ready sale for it to their neighbors, the orange growers. Some dairymen contract for the sale of manure at \$1.00 per cow per month, taken from the stable every day. One dairyman with whom I talked sold manure from the pile at 4 cents a cubic foot in winter, 5 cents in summer. One month his income from manure was \$80. This was from a herd of 35 cows.

Another interesting fact in the Los Angeles dairy situation is the extremely rapid turnover among the producers. In March 1927, the health department compiled a list of all dairies producing market milk in Los Angeles County. Thirty-eight months later, in May 1930, the enumeration was repeated. Comparing these two lists, we found that only 25 per cent of the dairymen appearing on the first list also appeared on the second! Three-fourths of those listed in 1927 had disappeared, or had changed their names! This remarkable shift in ownership of dairies is easier to comprehend when we know the conditions of financing the dairies in that region. Relatively few producers own their farms. Nearness to the city gives the land a site value far above its worth for agricultural purposes, so it is held largely by real estate operators and capitalists. From the farmers' standpoint, it is much cheaper to rent than to own. Besides, less capital is required to get into the dairy business.



Not only do the dairymen not own their farms, but it is almost true to say that they do not own their cows. The rapid turnover in cows and the large numbers purchased

plan were financed by these companies. The cost of interest and service charges on these loans was often very high, amounting in some instances to 20 or 25 per cent a year on the aver-



A tank truck and trailer having a capacity of 3,900 gallons used for hauling milk from Kern County to Los Angeles

for replacements led to a highly developed system of financing such purchases. Before the recent depression, two large cattle loan companies were doing a flourishing business in the Los Angeles district. Purchases of cows on the installment

age amount of the loan. It is certain that many dairymen did not realize what trouble they were letting themselves in for, in subscribing for such loans. Such dairymen are among the 75 per cent mentioned as having disappeared in the period of 38 months.

The sharp reduction in cow prices during 1930 and the lower returns for market milk made it necessary for the cattle loan companies to reclaim large numbers of cows and to absorb large losses. Meanwhile, the California Milk Producers' Association has set up a finance company which obtains the major part of its loanable funds from the Federal Intermediate Credit Bank. These funds are loaned to farmers at 5½ per cent, with no additional service charges. The security for these loans is in chattel mortgages on the farmers' cattle.

Within the past three years a supply of market milk has been developed outside the local area, in Kern County. This section is about 125 to 150 miles north of Los Angeles, on the opposite side of the Sierra Madre range. Previously the milk produced in this region, in excess of the local demand, was utilized as cream or butter. One Los Angeles distributor has established a country receiving station in Kern County, and hauls the milk to the city in a tank truck. The capacity of this outfit is 2,000 gallons in the tank plus 1,900 gallons

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## Our Domecon College

By Kate G. Rogers '32

I REMEMBER very clearly the first time I heard someone say "Domecon." Being very new and very green, exceptionally so I assure you, I of course had to ask what she meant.

"Why Dom-Econ," my friend replied. "It's so simple, don't you see? Domestic Economy."

After this full explanation I felt better acquainted with the word, nay even licensed to use it. After the proverbial third time of usage, the Domecon College, in its full and correct attire The New York State College of Home Economics, was well established in my vocabulary. Nor was I the only one to become so initiated, for now everywhere about the campus one hears this quickly coined phrase used by students in all colleges. Not all colleges have such a distinctive label; therefore, those of us who are in Home Economics feel justly proud of ours. Agriculture is "Ag" and those in it are called the "Aggies." However, those of us who are in Home Economics are not called the "Home Ecers" but rather the "Domeconers."

It was just thirty years ago that our College had its beginning. This was not any formal group composed

of students gathered together here, but was made up of a reading course for farmers' wives throughout the state. The first two bulletins sent out were entitled "Saving Steps" and "Household Sanitation."

A year later, 1901-1902, six thousand women in the state enrolled for the reading course which was becoming very popular. This was the cornerstone of all home economics instruction which was to follow. The next year the first course in home economics at Cornell was given. This was called Women's Work and Domestic Science, and was open to students in the College of Agriculture. Two years later the first winter course in home economics was offered. Twenty home economics representatives from other institutions came here to give lectures for there was no home economics staff here at that time.

It was not until 1907 that a department of home economics was formally organized in the College of Agriculture. This continued to be a department there until only seven years ago when a bill was passed in the legislature designating the School of Home Economics, The New York State College of Home Economics. Since the provision of a building by

the state in 1911 interest in home economics has been growing constantly. Last year the state appropriated \$985,000 for a new Home Economics building for which the plans for construction are fast underway. This will be one of the most modern home economics buildings in the country and those in that college look with anticipation towards its completion.

AS WE LOOK back over the development of our College from the time that it consisted of one attic laboratory and two offices and hall space in Roberts Hall to the present, we begin to realize the tremendous amount of effort all this progress represents. The academic work in home economics in 1907 consisted of eight courses. Now a wide variety of courses is offered with opportunities for specialization as well as electives in many courses. Besides the regular teaching and extension courses offered one may specialize in clothing, foods and nutrition, for hospital as well as clinical work, and institution. The course in Hotel Management, which is considered one of the finest in the country, was added to the curriculum through the cooperation and financial assistance of the American Hotel Association. Cor-



nell's hotel executive course is the first one in this country to graduate students with a B. S. degree and concentrated training in hotel administration.

Besides regular class work, several departments are run under the supervision of the Home Economics College. The cafeteria, which is situated on the ground floor, is open every day except Sunday. It is also operated during summer school. There, students in institution management as well as hotel management get actual practice in quantity cooking. A few students are also engaged in part-time employment there. Great crowds are fed during farm and home week, thus giving students practice in rush work.

The nursery school is another important unit run by the College. It serves as a laboratory for staff and students where detailed studies in child training and development are conducted. Children from representative homes in the community attend

here during the day and observations are carefully made in regard to their behavior and physical growth. Needless to say, the nursery school provides excellent facilities for studies in child guidance.

The costume shop which was opened in 1920 is really a commercialized dressmaking department. This offers practice for those girls who expect to teach or to enter the clothing field. It also is situated on the ground floor, adjoining the cafeteria. Considerable work is done there for townspeople and members of the staff who seem to find the workmanship most satisfactory.

An interesting part of the curricula is that which the domecon girls spend in the practice houses or "lodges" during their senior year. Each girl is required to spend five weeks in one of these two homes. About eight of them live together at one time and have entire charge of the running of the house. There is a domecon baby of which they have charge and the

entire time spent in the practice house is looked upon as quite an adventure.

Like all other colleges, ours furnishes a social as well as a scholastic side. The Home Economics Club is one to which all students in that college automatically belong. This club entertains the freshmen at a party in the fall, sponsors lectures by those well known in various fields in the interests of vocational guidance, and carries out a fairly definite program throughout the year. Omicron Nu, a national home economics honorary society, and Sedowa, the women's honorary society of the College of Agriculture, are two groups into which those eligible may be elected.

By the untiring efforts of its two directors, Flora Rose and Martha Van Rensselaer, Cornell's Home Economics College has developed far beyond the hopes of its early staff, and students of home economics should consider it a privilege to be enrolled therein.

## Impressions of the South

By Darwin Miscall '31

**T**HIS article is in no way meant to be an analysis of the forest conditions of the South but is a rather disjointed collection of impressions that I received while visiting the "piney woods" of South Carolina this spring.

In many ways the South was a disappointment to me. I had looked forward to seeing extensive plantations of cotton and tobacco, stately mansions with lofty and pillared porches, and portly bewhiskered gentlemen leisurely sipping mint julep from frosted glasses. None of these were in evidence. On the whole the South seemed to be the poorest region I have ever seen. The farms were poorly kept, the buildings were disreputable, and even the farmers, themselves, had an air of decadence and *je ne sais quoi* about them. The towns, especially the mill towns, were monotonous in their similarity. Taxes are high and everything is taxed even to 20 percent on tobacco in any form.

If this side of the South is to be deplored, the forests are capable of balancing it amply on the other side. Tall straight pines, longleaf, slash, shortleaf, and loblolly, are the most common trees but cypress, gum, and oak are well represented. The pine forests are the most extensive and



A logging engine

are park like in character with trees widely spaced and the ground free from brush. The land is flat and sawdust piles are the only hills known. Such forests would bring joy to the heart of any timber cruiser.

Of course, the larger part of the region has been cut over as would be expected since the products were very valuable and very easy to obtain. Besides the operator could always get a couple of buckets of turpentine before he cut a tree for lumber. The cutting matters little because that is what forests are for, and nature is very careful that another is reproduced quickly.

The South is, potentially, the greatest forest producing region in America. The Pacific Northwest with its present immense lumber output will never be able to equal the South for commercial timber growing. At least not while every Southern field is restocked almost overnight, and while the pines grow eighty feet in thirty years. Potentially, the South is our best bet for timber growing, but it is still potential.

The forests are grazed extensively by hogs, cattle, and sheep. There are no fences and the stock is free to roam, and roam it does. In fact these animals are more wild than domestic and round-ups are held with dogs and rifles. Great sport, but certainly not a very profitable industry.

**T**O PROVIDE succulent forage the woods are burned over each year. I saw not an acre that was not blackened by a recent fire. The stock owners apply the torch very assiduously and are very thorough in their work, but it is a mystery to me why anyone would take the trouble to provide food for such scrawny throwbacks to some disruption of the Mendelian laws. From their appearance they would undoubtedly be ostracized by any self respecting member of their respective species.

What little land is missed by the

stockman's nice eye is usually burned to keep the average near par. From my observation I think that the burning was as near one hundred percent as it ever will be. The land is burned completely, but who can condemn the perpetrators? It has been going on for generations and that alone is proof enough the stockmen have a perfectly good basis for their actions.

What is to be done about it? Education is prescribed as a panacea. Educating the people to forestry is, in itself, a wonderful idea, but when old customs and traditions must be supplanted, the task does not have such a rosy hue. The natives hardly notice the fires and it is their land. They pay little or no attention to outsiders, who, in shocked and grieved tones, tell them that burning the

forest is wrong and just isn't done in the best circles. They turn a fishy eye on such a person and wonder how he evaded the psychopathic wards. I do not mean that everyone in the South treats forestry in a nonchalant manner. There is a minority, mostly lumberman, who believe in it sincerely and who are striving to make the South produce at capacity.

The Forest Service contemplates buying a large tract of land in South Carolina for the purpose of timber growing. If the Service can prove that forest growing is the best and most profitable use of the land, the neighboring landowners will not be slow in following the example. That seems to be the best solution since the old adage 'seeing is believing' is

still very true. The crux of the whole situation is: develop favorable public opinion and the rest will be easy.

I firmly believe that it will come about spontaneously. The people of the South are no less intelligent than the rest of the population of the United States. The Southern people are beginning to realize that proper land use is one of the most stable assets that a state can have. South Carolina is not backward in this respect. New York, the wealthiest state in the Union, has only just awakened to the necessity of the full use of land.

If this short article has seemed pessimistic, there is one point I would like to make very clear—I am all for the South.

## A Green Frosh Ripens

By Clara M. Smith '32

THREE years ago I came to Cornell as a freshman but I was different from all other frosh—I was not green. I knew all that there was to know about college—I had seen every college movie, read all college stories that came within my reach, and never missed a page of "What the College Girl Will Wear." Since I was not green my aim in life was to belong in that charmed circle that set the college student off from all others and which was generally referred to as 'collegiate.' And so I came to Cornell.

My junior "grandmother" met me but I did not appreciate her. I realized, of course, that those who assigned one to me did not know that I was not one of the typical green freshmen. Why did I need a grandmother? I remembered to bring my string of registration coupons and they were marked distinctly—

"Enter the south door of Goldwin Smith Hall."

"Registrar will detach this."

It was perfectly simple. I could do that on my way out for a walk sometime during the day. I felt that they certainly did not rate our intelligence high.

Monday morning at nine my grandmother started with me for registration. I still insist that it was the compets that got me confused for I certainly was not green. Why I knew all that there was to know about college. Somewhere I have seen a compet defined as 'an undergraduate who solicits subscriptions' but that does not give one a good idea of what

they are. I have never seen a compet in a movie and as for books—some day I am going to write one on what college really is and there will be at least a dozen compets in it. It was no wonder that I was confused, even the most brilliant person would have been so under the circumstances. We just got on the street when they started rushing at us. I was glad for my grandmother then for she was adept at handling them—experience probably.

I WAS so confused from the compets that when I saw the crowd in Goldwin Smith I thought I was in the cafeteria. The crowd was not so large as I thought for I stood in line only an hour and three quarters to get the coupons stamped. Then we went to the college office. I did not mind the two hour wait there for at the end they would take the rest of my tickets and I would not have any tickets to bother with for the rest of the day. Finally I got to the office and without any warning I was taken into a room to have my picture taken. The woman in charge did not even tell me to smile and when she wrote something on a card and stood it in front of me I felt like a criminal for I was sure she put a number on it. In the main office they took my tickets and gave me another strip twice as large as the one I started with. I was ready to sign for classes then but everyone else was ready for lunch.

In the afternoon we started again. My grandmother told me that anyone would do for an advisor the first

term and I agreed. Why did I need an advisor? I knew just what I wanted to take.

Roberts Assembly where we found the advisors looked like an auction hall. I was rather disappointed in the students there—no bell-bottom trousers or queer haircuts—but I decided that they were mostly freshmen who had not felt the influence of college.

Having decided what courses I was going to study I had to fill out the coupons and take one around for each class that I was entering. At last I would get rid of the tickets! I took one to the English department but the instructor just signed it and gave it back and another one beside, the botany department did the same, but in zoology they gave me two slips. When I saw the crowd signing for chemistry I decided that I was right and it was one of the easy courses and everybody was taking it. It only took two hours and half for those before me to get their O. K. so that I was through in time for dinner.

Back to the college office and after two hours of waiting I got to the door just as it was closed. I stayed and had the satisfaction of being the first one in when it opened again. They finally took my tickets and did not give me any in return so I went home to rest my feet.

The next afternoon I had to be at Roberts Hall to take a mental ability test. I left my room fifteen minutes before I had to be there. After I had walked for ten minutes without seeing anything of Roberts I swallowed

my pride and asked the man in back of me where it was. He laughed.

"Don't ask me. I am a freshman, too. Wait a minute."

He looked around. No one was near. He pulled a Student Agencies map from his pocket. We arrived at Roberts five minutes late. I do not know who he was but I am still grateful, for if he had not found me I would still be looking for Roberts somewhere around Forest Home or Cortland.

Classes started on Thursday and my first one was botany. I sat there a few minutes until I noticed that everyone else was writing so I decided that I would too. The professor probably liked to see everyone taking notes for it looked as though they were more interested. In the afternoon I had my first laboratory, zoology. We each got a pan with a dead frog in it. It was clammy and

I hated to touch it but I soon got over that and by the end of the term I became proficient in cutting them up. We had to draw the frog for our laboratory work. I was quite pleased with my paper when I had finished. It was so good that I was sure that the instructor would have a little hand written note on it commending me when it was returned. Imagine my surprise when it was returned to me with *three* hand written pages beginning:

"Miss Smith—you can *improve* your work by observing the following suggestions."

I WENT to chemistry class but could not take any notes—I had to watch the professor. He could draw equally well with right or left hand and was quite proficient at drawing with both at once.

As to the men in the class—one

from South Africa was studying poultry and was always talking either of Victoria Falls in the moonlight or of chickens of some sort or another. A sophomore who had to repeat frosh English was too sophisticated to bother with us and so served as an excellent example of boredom. On the least provocation a freshman would start talking about his fraternity. Nine tenths of its alumni were in WHO'S WHO and of the remainder, 16 were professors at Cornell, nine were instructors, seven were on the football team, five played basketball, three were in the crew, and one was intercollegiate wrestling champion. It held the interfraternity championship in soccer, lacrosse, and hockey. Practically every senior made Phi Kappa Phi. The man who griped most was from Turkey and felt that American girls were horri-

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## College Activities

THE AG-HOME ECONOMICS ASSOCIATION is the central student organization on the "upper campus" (the campus of the Colleges of Agriculture and Home Economics). It is the successor to the Ag Association, the oldest student organization at Cornell.

The association aims to draw together the whole student body and the faculty. It sponsors assemblies, dances, and other social activities. All students on the upper campus are members and contribute one dollar a year toward its support. These funds go toward supporting the athletic teams, the Home Economics Clubs' activities, dances and other student functions.

The governing board of the Association consists of a president, vice-president, secretary, and treasurer who are elected each spring by the student body. The officers together with a representative of each student organization on the upper campus form an executive committee which runs the Association. The officers this year are Peter J. "Pete" McManus '32 of Milton, president; Kate G. Rogers '32, of Tompkins Corners, vice-president; Stanton S. "Stan" Allen '32 of Stuyvesant Falls, secretary; and James E. "Jim" Rose '32 of Hobart, treasurer.

THE HONOR COUNCIL is a body elected by the students to try any violations of the honor system that occur in the Ag College. One freshman, one junior, and one woman are

elected in the spring of each year at the time of the Ag-Home Economics Association elections. The present members of the Council are Henry H. Lyman '32, Frank T. Vaughn '32, Donald Armstrong '33, Allan W. Rand '34, and Susan D. Koetsch '33.

AG ATHLETICS are a tradition at Cornell. Each college and some of the departments of the University, such as forestry and hotel management, have athletic teams which compete with each other. Ag has won the all around athletic championship in all but three years since the system was inaugurated in 1909. The teams are soccer, cross country, wrestling, basketball, crew, baseball, tennis, and track.

The University gives awards to the winning team in each sport and each player on the team is given a medal. The Ag Association awards shingles to the members of all the Ag teams.

KERMIS is an amateur dramatic club made up of students in the Colleges of Agriculture and Home Economics which presents plays with rural settings. The main production is given during Farm and Home Week. Other productions are given at get-togethers, and nearby grange halls. All students are eligible to compete for parts in the plays. A competition is held each year for sophomores for the positions of production manager, and stage manager. Kermis each year offers prizes for the best plays submitted in its contest for plays with rural settings. This con-

test is open to anyone in the United States or Canada. Kermis gives training in rural dramatics and fosters the writing of plays with rural backgrounds which will be suitable to give in rural sections.

THE CORNELL COUNTRYMAN is the official undergraduate publication of the Colleges of Agriculture and Home Economics. It is published monthly during the college year. The subscribers are the student body, alumni, high schools, farm bureaus and others interested in agriculture. The magazine is published by the students. The staff is chosen by competitions open to freshmen and sophomores.

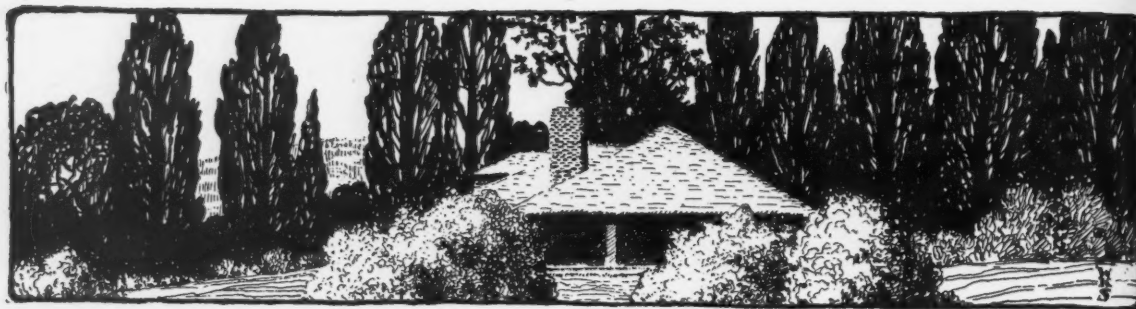
THE FORESTRY CLUB is an organization for students in forestry. It holds meetings for discussions of activities and to hear addresses by prominent foresters. It supervises the forestry athletic teams and holds occasional dances. Eats are a big feature of their meetings.

THE HOME ECONOMICS CLUB is the student organization for women in the College of Home Economics. Each year it awards a scholarship to the sophomore, junior, or senior it deems to be most deserving. Membership is open to all women students of the College of Home Economics.

THE HOTEL ASSOCIATION is composed of all students in the course in hotel administration. It fosters friendship among the students and faculty and conducts intercollege af-

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## Through Our Wide Windows

### Thoughts on Leaving

**J**UNE is here. This month our campus loses its quota of year-round students and takes on a more sober tone in preparation for the summer session.

This is a sad time for many who must say a last good-bye to all the work and fun of a four year college course. Now they must embark on a life-long course of success and defeat, which is not operated on a basis of credit hours.

The last few weeks are crowded full of the many delayed visits and explorations which have accumulated from the beginning. A restless, lost feeling is prevalent, which makes one leave his studies and stroll across the campus in the pseudo-darkness of a moonlight night, perhaps to stand for a moment unseen in the shadow of one of the huge dark buildings. Though spring is a time of happiness, through it all there runs a current of undefinable sadness, scarcely tangible enough to settle upon, nevertheless disturbing in its mere presence.

What lies beyond for those who must now leave the portals of their Alma Mater? Disturbing changes—new contacts—revision of thoughts and ideals—almost, one might say, a new life. We can look across the curtain of the present into the future as we can look across the purple curtain of shadow into the soft hills beyond—and see nothing. We have only to live life as it comes to us, and can best prepare for it by putting every ounce of vitality and imagination at our command to the task now before us.

Whatever of inspiration, whatever of hope, and love and honor we have been able to acquire in this association with our fellow students and instructors will be our heritage from an Alma Mater of beautiful traditions. Indeed, could we ask for a better? Always in these after years our thoughts will turn as homing pigeons to the hill—"far above Cayuga's waters," where we lingered awhile on the journey of life.

### The University Press

**T**HE recent appropriation by the Board of trustees of \$25,000 to be used by the newly created University Press marks a decided step forward in easing the difficulties which research workers and faculty members have encountered in publishing their writings. It seems strange that more adequate provision for such work has not been provided before because nothing would have been more helpful in distributing the findings of those so en-

gaged. After all, what good is a discovery or an idea of any sort if it is not widely communicated. Research is slow work at best and anything that will serve to hasten it should be provided. Not that a press would speed up the actual work of research but the dissemination of findings will be more rapid because of it. Cornell has received no little recognition through the writings of its students and faculty members. How much better it will be to have the stamp of the University accompany these things in the future.

The movement for the establishment of a university press received ample support through the generous gift to the University of the Comstock Publishing Company through the will of the late John Henry Comstock. All things taken together the project is off to a fine start.

### Dynamic Education

**G**REEN freshmen will someday be as obsolete as hoop-skirts—at least at Cornell. Freshman "Orientation Week" was evolved last year in the College of Home Economics to remove the terrors of coming to college. It will take place again this year the week-end preceeding the usual pandemonium of registration and rushing.

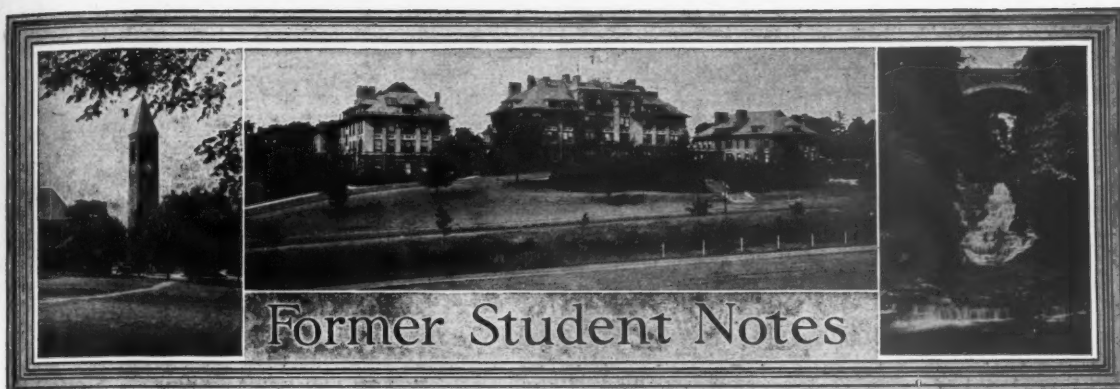
In this peaceful setting of hills and lakes 100 freshman girls will assemble to become acquainted with Cornell University, with the College of Home Economics, and with each other. They will be warned of the folly of listening to the pleas of the subscription sellers, put "wise" to the complicated Pan-Hellenic rushing machinery, instructed about courses, have mysteries of the library system unravelled, learn about activities—AND—have a good time!

No homesickness and bewilderment for these freshmen! The energetic Home Economics staff and members of the student body, will be on hand early Friday morning to meet trains, instruct, amuse and otherwise get 100 freshmen all set for the best year of their lives.

The plan is growing. The Y. W. C. A. Council is organizing a similar project for the Arts freshmen women over Saturday and Sunday of the same week-end. Joint parties and picnics have been suggested in order to get both groups acquainted at the beginning of the year.

This "get wise" week-end expurgates the first few weeks from the usual attendant evils—at least to a certain extent. Although it is still full of unsolved problems, the Home Economics College looks forward to a bigger and better freshmen week each succeeding fall. This is the greater education—a moving force, not tradition shackled to routine.





## Cornell's Master Farmers

During the years 1928, 1929, and 1930, at least fifteen Cornell men were made Master Farmers in New York State, and several in Pennsylvania. A few of these have been heard from. The others in New York are, 1928, Isaiah D. Karr '08, Gilbert A. Prole '05; 1929, John Child '06, Thomas R. Fife '88, Morgan S. Myers '93, and 1930 Charles H. Riley '10, George Winfield Lamb '13.

Maurice C. Burritt '08, Master Farmer '28, has been active in a great number of agricultural projects since he graduated from Cornell. At college he specialized in horticulture and farm management. In his senior year he was president of the Agricultural Association, Alumni editor of *THE COUNTRYMAN*, and student assistant in Farm Crops. After graduation he became assistant in farm management at the Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C. He received his Master's Degree from Cornell in 1910. At one time he was editor of the *Tribune-Farmer* and then was for some time director of extension service at the New York State College of Agriculture and farm bureau leader. He has been a member of the State Advisory Committee, contributing editor of *The American Agriculturist*, author of *Apple Growing*, comptroller of the G. L. F.; vice-president of the Western New York Fruit Grower's Co-operative Packing Association, president of the Rochester National Farm Loan Association, and president of the New York State Horticultural Society. Last year he was appointed a member of the New York State Public Service Commission by Governor Roosevelt. For a great part of this time Mr. Burritt has been operating very successfully a large fruit farm at Hilton, New York. His daughter, Helen R. Burritt '33, is a member of the editorial board of *THE CORNELL COUNTRYMAN*.

Henry R. Talmage, Short Course '94, Master Farmer '28, has two

children, both Cornell graduates. They are Nathaniel A. '22 and Cristine '29. Nathaniel is helping his father in the management of seven farms, three of which are on Long



**MAURICE C. BURRITT '08**

**A successful farmer who has been prominent in agricultural work and is now Public Service Commissioner**

Island and four in New Jersey. Mr. Talmage specializes in potatoes and grows about five hundred acres a year. He is part owner of a produce and fertilizer business, president of a shipyard, and is engaged in numerous other enterprises. He is living at Riverhead.

J. F. Salisbury, Shorthorn '97-'98, Master Farmer '29, is occupied with a general farm, including fruit and poultry, and a position as Supervisor of the Town of Phelps, New York. This is his sixth year in that office. He has been Justice of the Peace for three years. His children are Arthur, Leonard, Frank, and John. The oldest is 23 and the youngest 16.

George B. LaMont '99, Master Farmer '30 is the father of Thomas

E. "Tom" '27 who is now an instructor in farm management at Cornell and is a former managing editor of *THE CORNELL COUNTRYMAN*. Mr. LaMont has two other children, Dorothy E. '24 and George S. He has developed quite a large fruit acreage on his farm at Albion, New York, with quite a little not in bearing.

Guy L. Hayman '11, Master Farmer (Pennsylvania) '29, is also a fruit grower. He has been a school director for 15 years and for eight years president of the board of Pennsylvania's largest rural consolidated school project. For many years he has been on the Extension Executive Committee. He has a son, Robert Wayne. His home is at Northbrook, Pennsylvania.

Earl B. Clark '14, Master Farmer '28, has been farming at North Norwich, New York ever since his graduation from Cornell. He has been raising pure-bred Holsteins and growing cash crops. He has been active in Agricultural Co-operative movements in Chenango County, and has been master of the local and the Pamona Grange, deputy president of the local Dairyman's League, and president of the Chenango County Farm Bureau. At present he is Treasurer-Vice-President of the Chenango County Fire Relief Association. He is married and has four children, Donald, Dorothy, Robert, and Marion.

Herbert P. King '00 of Trumansburg, New York, is specializing in sweet and sour cherry growing. He is also growing peaches, plums, and apples. He has three children, Marion, Roger M. and Walter P. Mr. King has been farming ever since he left college, and has also been director of the county Farm Bureau nine years and president for three. He has been doing extension work winters with the departments of agronomy and pomology for fourteen years and was Master Farmer in 1929.

'05

Norman Ratchford is county vocational director of agriculture in Chester County, Pennsylvania. His office is in the Farmers and Mechanics building, West Chester, Pennsylvania.

'10

A. S. Chapin, former Winter Poultry Course student, is now proprietor of the Tennessee Hatchery at Greeneville, Tennessee.

'12

Dr. J. D. Brew, formerly a member of the Cornell department of dairy industry and now associated with the State Department of Health at Albany, spent a few hours with old friends on the campus on May 7.

'13

Frans E. Geldenhuys in January was promoted from Under-Secretary

of Agriculture in Pretoria, South Africa to be chief conservator of forests. His address is 304 Hill Street. He recently returned there after an eight months' trip to the United States, Europe, and Palestine.

'17

Henry E. Allanson is assistant chief of the Plant Industry Bureau in the Department of Agriculture at Washington.

'19

Carlos E. Chardon has the honor of being the first Porto Rican chancellor of the University of Porto Rico. He will be officially installed at the Commencement exercises in May. Since 1923 Mr. Chardon has acted as a commissioner of agriculture in Porto Rico. He has become an authority on tropical agriculture and his appointment has come in recognition of his achieve-

ments and ability. The new chancellor will outline his policies at the formal installation.

'22

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Merrill are the proud parents of a son, John Hamilton, born March 10. They are making their home in Narbeth, Pennsylvania. Merrill is city planning engineer for the Philadelphia Tri-State Regional Planning Federation.

'23

Richard B. Farnham is teaching floriculture at Rutgers.

Mr. and Mrs. James S. Hathcock announce the birth of a daughter, Barbara, on March 19. They are living at 1401 Shirley Street, Columbia, South Carolina.

'26

Albert Lang, who is now completing a course for battery officers at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, will go to the Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, in June. He is a lieutenant in the field artillery of the United States Army.

'27

Ellen L. Mills lives at 169 Halstead Street, East Orange, New Jersey. She is teacher of household arts in the new Junior High School.

Toyokazu Suzuki, who took graduate work at Cornell in '26-27, is now a professor at the Mizuhara School of Agriculture-Forestry in Korea.

'29

Mrs. J. N. Ewart (Mildred Cushing) now lives at 167 Laird Avenue, Buffalo, New York. Mr. and Mrs. Ewart have one son, Donald Norton, who is over nine months old.

Helene W. Miner was married to Thomas W. Hopper '29 on September 12, at Swarthmore, Pennsylvania. The maid of honor was Jean Miner '32, and Robert Hopper '31 was best man. Mr. and Mrs. Miner live at 1622 Brandon Avenue, Petersburg, Virginia, while he is with the Stone and Webster construction unit at Hopewell, Virginia.

Miriam A. Wade is a teacher in the North Creek, New York, High School.

'30

The address of Miss A. Lucille Brooks is Le Mount Sinai Hospital, 5 East 98th Street, New York City, where she is an assistant dietitian.

Mrs. Olive Dickens of Ithaca has announced the marriage of her daughter, Neva O. Dickens, to Lester E. Mattocks '31 on February 15, at Sage Chapel. Alton E. Morris was the best man. Mattocks finished his course in hotel management in February and is now working at the

## EXIT—the Class of '31

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Lucille G. Smith is on the extension staff of the housing department of the College of Home Economics at Cornell. Her address is 309 Eddy Street, Ithaca.

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### Milk for Los Angeles

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in cans on the trailer. No difficulty is experienced in getting this milk to Los Angeles in good condition. Even in the hottest weather, the temperature of milk in the tank rises only about two degrees on the 125 mile trip. The temperature of milk or cream in the trailer-truck rises only seven or eight degrees.

**P**RICES received by Los Angeles County dairymen have been such as to encourage them to increase their production. During the 38 months when 75 per cent of the dairymen went out of business, the total number of dairies producing market milk in Los Angeles County decreased 15 per cent. The number of cows in these dairies increased 49 per cent! Records of the California Milk Producers' Association showed that the average daily output per farm increased from 31 pounds of fat in 1926 to 44 pounds in 1930. In these four years production per farm increased 42 percent, but the consuming population increased only 16 per cent. The normal surplus of about 20 per cent increased to more than 30 per cent.

Early in 1930, a joint organization of producers and distributors was formed chiefly for the purpose of operating a plant to dispose of surplus milk. The new organization is a cooperative association set up in harmony with the provisions of the Federal Capper-Volstead Act. Members must qualify as producers of agricultural products and must provide at least one-half the total volume of business. Each member has one vote.

The intent in setting up this association was to give equal voting power to producers and distributors. Since there are many times more producers than distributors an even division of membership between the two groups was accomplished by having a very limited number of members, 12 in all. Six of these are distributors who also have dairy farms. Among the other producers is included the president of the California Milk Producers Association which controls about one-half the total sup-



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ply of milk. Thus are the various requirements complied with.

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### A Green Frosh Ripens

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fying examples of what girls might become and thought that everyone of them should be shut up in a harem. There were some hotel management freshmen but words are inadequate to describe them.

My orientation class amused me. One day a man told us how to study and take notes and actually gave us a page of references. I decided that he was one of those men that one hears about that have studied a subject so long that they become a little queer. The idea of telling us how to study as

though we were in the third or fourth grade!

AS FOR the social life, I was not pulled from in front of a speeding car or rescued from drowning in Beebe lake by the football captain. The only time I was pulled back from traffic was by a traffic officer, who gave me a lecture on crossing the street when the lights were red. I did not even know the football captain. I would probably have been heartbroken over this but something worse happened.

My first examination in the university was in chemistry. I'll never forget it. When the papers were returned I reached for mine with a confident smile. There was a chance that I might get as low as 95—even the best people make mistakes. But when I saw the mark the room turned upsidown—54! My pal tried to console me, she got 38, someone in front of me got 20 but that did not help me. I went to the library to figure it out.

Suddenly I saw a lot of things as they were. If I got a mark like that when I thought I knew the subject what would I do in the next one that I had? My notes were of no value and I realized it was because I did not know how to take them. Then I remembered the professor in orienta-

tion and I looked up his references. They have helped me much since that time but then it made me feel like going straight home for I realized that I was just like all frosh—I was green! Only one thing gave me courage enough to go to my next class, English, instead of going to my room and packing, and that was the thought that other freshmen were green too.

It seemed as though life was not worth living—I was a frosh. I was green, and worst of all there was no such thing as collegiatism!

### College Activities

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fairs, especially athletic matters. It operates "The Ezra Cornell," a hotel-for-a-day, each spring.

THE UNIVERSITY 4-H CLUB is made up of students who are former 4-H Club members and those interested in extension work among the young people. The club gives students interested in country life a chance to get better acquainted and to discuss problems that face the modern rural community. The Club is associated with the national organization of the Collegiate Country Life Clubs.

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## DEPARTMENTAL CLUBS

THE AGASSIZ CLUB is an informal group of students which welcomes anyone interested in nature. The group takes bi-weekly hikes for the pleasure of being out-of-doors and looking at nature instead of books.

THE FLORICULTURE CLUB is composed of students interested in floriculture who meet occasionally to promote a more intimate association with the faculty and each other and to keep in touch with the leaders in the professional field who often address the group. The Club holds a "Mum Ball" each fall and assists with the annual Flower Show held in Willard Straight Hall.

THE ROUND-UP CLUB is composed of students interested in animal husbandry. They meet to become better acquainted with the faculty and with one another. They entertain speakers who are leaders in this field and who address them from time to time. Their meetings are renowned for their good times and excellent eats. The club maintains a cafeteria in the An Hus Building and sponsors a student livestock show during Farm and Home Week. They also whole heartedly support the student cattle judging team.

THE VEGETABLE GARDENING CLUB meets to discuss problems in their field not touched in class work and to offer an opportunity for students and staff to get acquainted. The Club often has prominent men from the industry and other institutions address them as well as being entertained by its own members who have returned from travels in other lands. The Club holds occasional steak roasts, picnics, and banquets. Any one interested in vegetable gardening is welcome at its functions.

## HONORARY SOCIETIES

HO-NUN-DE-KAK is the senior honorary agricultural society. It elects largely on the basis of activities and scholarship. It brings together the student leaders of the Ag College so that they may be of assistance in solving the problems that arise in the College. HO-NUN-DE-KAH was organized in the spring of 1930 by a combination of Helios and Hebs-Sa the two existing senior honorary societies in the College of Agriculture at that time. Members are chosen in the spring of their junior and the fall of their senior years.

OMICRON NU is a national honorary society in Home Economics. The society endeavors to promote scholarship, leadership, and research in home economics. Members are elected in their junior and senior years. Eligibility is based on scholarship and leadership.

SEDOWA is a senior society for

women in the Colleges of Home Economics and Agriculture. Its purpose is to develop high standards of scholarship, leadership, and dignity in the women of these Colleges. Members are elected in the second term of their junior year.

YE HOSTS is a senior honorary society for students in hotel management. It encourages and recognizes participation in extra-curricular activities, intercollegiate athletics, and "The Ezra Cornell." Members are elected in their junior and senior years.

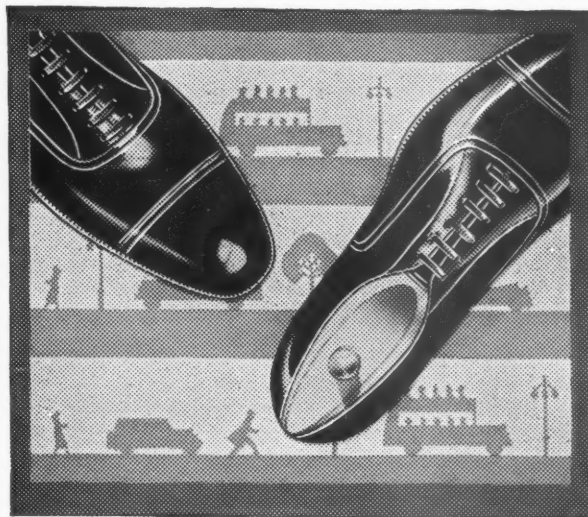
PI ALPHA XI is a national honorary

floricultural fraternity. The purpose of the fraternity is to promote high scholarship, to foster good fellowship among its members, to increase efficiency in the profession, and to establish cordial relations among students, educators, and professional florists.

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## P. J. McMANUS HEADS AG-DOMECON ASSOCIATION

Kate Rogers Elected Vice-President

**P.** J. "PETE" McMANUS '32 was elected president of the Ag-Domecon Association at the recent election. Miss K. G. Rogers '32, was chosen vice-president; S. S. Allen '32, Secretary; J. E. "Jim" Rose '32, treasurer, and A. H. "Art" Adams '33, assistant athletic manager. Miss S. D. "Sue" Koetsch '33, F. T. Vaughn '32, and A. W. Rand '34 were elected to the Ag Honor Council.

The Ag-Domecon Association is the student organization of the colleges of agriculture and home economics. It manages the Ag-Domecon dances and get-togethers, sponsors Ag athletics and acts as representative of the students of the upper campus. The Honor Council has charge of the enforcement of the Honor System in the two colleges.

## AG BALL TEAM WINS

The Ag baseball team won their initial victory from the Architects by the score of nine to five. The game was played on Lower Alumni field Monday afternoon, May 4. A second game was conceded to Ag by default of the C. E's. The battery was L. J. "Lou" Hull '31, pitching and B. L. "Bert" Cook, '32, catching. Other members of the team are: A. L. "Al" Douglas Sp., W. H. Weeks Sp., L. M. "Booky" Bookhout '31, L. L. "Leon" Lasher '31, Ralph Merrell '31, W. H. "Bill" Brewer Sp., E. A. "Eddy" Lutz '31, G. M. "Sim" Simmons '31, and R. B. Hill '34, L. B. "Andy" Andrews '32, is acting as manager. "Andy" reports that the prospects seem very good, but that more good men are needed as the present players are not able to attend all the games.

## HOTEL MEN ENTERTAIN

On Friday evening, May 8, hotel men and students gathered in Willard Straight Hall for the sixth annual Ezra Cornell Hotel Banquet. Mr. S. F. McGinn was the guest speaker. He advised the students to endeavor to make their names carry weight, and he listed personality, efficiency, and honesty as essential for a successful hotel man. Dean A. R. Mann '04, praised the remarkable progress of the hotel courses. Professor H. B. Meek, director of the course, presented the Ahrens Publishing Company prize of one hundred dollars and a trip to Europe to E. D. Ramage '31. The banquet was followed by a dance in Memorial Hall with music by Whitey Kaufman's Victor recording orchestra, which concluded the extensive program of the day.

## ADAMS HEADS ROUND-UP CLUB

At a meeting of the Round-Up Club held in the an hus building Tuesday evening, May 12, Morton Adams '33 was elected president; George Pringle '33, vice-president; N. C. Kidder '32, secretary; and Norman Foote '32, treasurer. B. O. Gormel '32 was elected as representative of the club on the Ag-Domecon Council.

## HO-NUN-DE-KAH

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J. A. Brown  
D. F. Eckert  
G. H. Eibert  
B. O. Gormel  
E. W. Guthrie  
E. I. Higley  
G. E. Kappler  
P. J. McManus  
J. F. Moulton  
S. H. Palmer  
T. A. Pasto  
G. O. Priedeman  
Richard Pringle  
R. C. Ringrose  
J. E. Rose  
D. A. Russell  
O. B. Schoenfeld  
J. B. Tuthill  
F. T. Vaughn

## KERMIS PRESENTS PLAYS

Kermis, the dramatic club of the colleges of agriculture and home economics, presented its three one act prize plays in the University Theatre Friday and Saturday nights, May 8 and 9, before appreciative audiences. These plays were the ones chosen as a result of a nation wide contest to encourage the writing of plays with a rural setting and spirit.

*A Light at the Cross Roads* by C. E. Van Norman of Rochester, had to do with a kindly maiden lady who was a sort of mother to everyone of the community who might be in need. She had served her neighbors and loved them, but was overcome by the lonesomeness of the country and was ready to sell out and move to the lights of the city when her niece came home, tired of the city, to live with her aunt. They both saw the light through the death of an Italian woman.

*The Ghost Affair* by Ruth MacDuffee of Clintondale, Massachusetts, was not nearly so ghostly as the name might imply. In fact, it was quite pleasant. The "ghost", we learned, was only a love stricken youth bound to see his fair maiden.

*The Catalogue* by T. M. Morrow of Westmount, Quebec, Canada, featured a young farmer and the girl to whom he hadn't quite spunk enough to propose. A little encouragement by the girl's father, who was tired of spending his evenings in the shed, and the suggestion of a wedding outfit in Montgomery Ward's catalogue, broke the ice.

An idea that is not put to work is like a hired man who does nothing but loaf.

## BIG HOLE SCOOPED IN AG CAMPUS

Excavation for Warren Building  
Started

**T**HE ROAR of a power shovel and the whine of heavily loaded trucks has competed with professors' lectures for the attention of students on the campus the last few weeks, as dirt has been scooped out and carried off in preparation for the foundation of the new Warren Building, which will house the departments of farm management and rural social organization. The building will go up directly east of Caldwell Hall and will face the new Plant Science Building. The old Marketing Building is being torn down and the Farm Management Building, which was formerly a judging pavilion, will be torn down later. Plans call for a library building to connect the Plant Science Building and the Warren Building some time in the future. The cost of the Warren Building will be over \$600,000.

## POULTRY STUDENTS ON TOUR

Twenty-three members of the classes in poultry farm management, poultry breeding, and advanced marketing went on a poultry tour through New Jersey on April 30, May 1, and May 2. They visited the Kerr Chickeries at Frenchtown, one of the largest in the East; the Flemington Egg Auction, where 400 poultry producers were selling eggs by auction; the Huntington County Egg-Laying Contest; the Kane poultry farm hatchery at Rosemont; the Forsgate Farms of 1300 acres at Jamesburg, which has a poultry plant of 5,000 birds and a dairy milking 130 cows; and the Walker-Gordon Dairy Farm at Plainsboro, where they saw the new rotolactor milker which has a capacity of 1680 cows in seven hours.

The trip was under the supervision of Professors J. E. Rice '90, G. O. Hall, J. C. Huttar of the poultry department, and Professor E. G. Misner '13 of the department of agricultural economics and farm management.

## ARTISTS GO BACK TO NATURE

Since warm weather began Professor Baker's drawing classes have been taking pen, pencil, crayon, or what have you, in hand and reverting to the great out-of-doors for inspiration. They may be seen at almost any time of the day sketching away busily, usually with a tree for a subject, or if a bird will sit still long enough, better yet. Sometimes a little shower of rain will send them helter-skelter back to the drawing room in a more or less perturbed state of mind.



AN AG COLLEGE CREW ON THE INLET



# AG LIBRARY EXPANDS FORMER PLANT PATHOLOGY LABORATORY UTILIZED

WITH THE removal of the botany and plant pathology departments to the new Plant Science building, considerable space has been made available for expansion of the Ag Library. The large laboratory on the first floor of Stone across the hall from the present reading room and a room of similar size directly above have been turned over to the library.

## A Mile and a Half of Shelves

The laboratory equipment has been removed and a mile and a half of shelving has been installed on the first floor. This shelving, installed at a cost of \$800, will materially add to the stack space of the library. The second floor room is being redecorated and placed in condition to be used as a reading room. With windows on three sides this will provide better lighting and ventilation than the present reading room affords. The call desk will remain where it is, but the space now occupied by the reading desks will be turned over to stack space. These changes will be affected as soon as the new rooms are ready.

## FLORICULTURE SCHOLARSHIPS

The members of the New York Florists' Club, at a recent meeting, concluded plans for the awarding of five scholarships to deserving persons in the Department of Floriculture here at Cornell. Three of these scholarships are to be given to undergraduates in the department, while the remaining two will go to graduate students who are interested in doing research work in Floriculture or Ornamental Horticulture. Each scholarship is to amount to \$300 for a period of one year.

## GORMEL WINS SCHOLARSHIP

B. O. "Brad" Gormel '32 has won the William H. Danford Scholarship awarded to students in various agricultural colleges throughout the country each year. The scholarship includes \$400 in cash, six weeks at the experiment farm of the Purina Mills, near St. Louis, and two weeks at the American Youth Foundation Camp at Shelby, Michigan. At St. Louis he will study problems of manufacturing along with sales promotion, farm experiments, and management.

O. H. Maughan '31, received this scholarship last year, and D. M. Roy '30 and Roy Higley '30 won it the year before.

## CURTIS' CLASS ON TRIP

On April 17, Professor Ralph Curtis '01, Mr. DeFrance, Mr. "Don" Wyman and a party of fifteen students left for a four day trip to Philadelphia and Washington. Judging from the line-up of Packards, it was one of the most luxurious field trips that has ever left the Ag campus. The famous golf course of the Merion Cricket Club and the Arlington Turf Gardens were the principle points visited. The party drove through Potomac Park where the Japanese cherries were in bloom and later inspected the landscape development taking place at Mount Vernon. A few of the party continued their stay and enjoyed the old colonial gardens of Virginia. It is reported that wonderful weather and wonderful waitresses were encountered en route.

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## 4-H FIELD DAYS PLANNED

June 29 to July 2 has been set as the date for the gathering of 4-H boys and girls from all over the state. The annual junior club congress will run four days this year instead of three, as in the past. The program includes tours of the campus, morning gatherings in charge of the state 4-H Council, judging, singing, radio programs, and a farewell party in the armory with dancing and games.

Registration is being restricted this year, preference being given the older members of better club standing. The girls and women leaders will be cared for in Cascadilla Hall. The Boys and men leaders will be accommodated in private homes and rooming houses near the campus. All meals will be served in the cafeteria at Willard Straight Hall.

## TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

(Taken from the CORNELL COUNTRYMAN  
of 1906)

As the Dairy Building had to be given over to the contractors of Goldwin Smith Hall by April 1, the occupants had to seek new quarters. Professor Wing's office is now directly under the Treasurer's office in Morrill Hall. Professor Pearson is on the first floor of Stimson Hall at the west end, in the old faculty room. Professor Rice has moved up to the Poultry Building.

The Agricultural buildings have a large force at work on them.

## COUNTRYMAN BOARD HOLDS ANNUAL BANQUET

The editorial and business board of the *Cornell Countryman* met the evening of April 28, with the board of directors and former board members who were in town for the annual banquet at Republic Inn at Freeville. W. F. "Bill" Pease '31, acted as toastmaster. He called upon the outgoing and the incoming officers. Professor W. I. "Bill" Myers '14, represented the board of directors.

The guest speaker of the evening was Professor Bristow Adams who pleaded for an open minded attitude and spirit of tolerance.

## PATIENTS OR INMATES?

Secretary Smith received the following letter some time ago:

"We are trying to collect full data on the number of patients and inmates in the various state institutions, and to complete our records we would like to know the number in your institution."

## CAMPUS CHATS

### VINES

Someone built an animal husbandry building and a dairy building out beyond Alumni Field a few years ago, and though these buildings are very well planned and equipped inside the exterior could hardly be called attractive. The type of architecture that seems to have been accepted as more or less standard on the ag college, including that of the new Plant Science Building, is unattractive, but the effect has been softened on the older buildings by vines, shrubs, and trees, and is quite pleasing. Except for a few shrubs and trees, the animal husbandry and dairy buildings stand out as examples of the unbeautiful. A few climbing vines, and a few more well placed trees and shrubs would do much to increase the beauty of the ag campus.

Dick Pringle told us a story about one of our young bachelor instructors out at the *Countryman* banquet the other night. The instructor took his girl home, and as he kissed her good-night under a soft, romantic Ithaca moon, he tenderly murmured, "Next time we will continue where we left off."

Dick didn't mention any names but we suspect Stan Warren.

### PROF'S PRANKS

Professor E. S. Guthrie '12 has just received a copy of *Hilgardia*, which is the name of the technical series of publications from the University of California. It contains the detailed report of the study of "Corrosion of Metals by Milk and its Relation to the Oxidized flavors of Milk," which he made with doctors C. L. Roadhouse and G. A. Richardson. Professor Guthrie was able to make this study while on sabbatic leave in 1928. It was his second sabbatic leave since being at Cornell University, and he is happy that the results of both periods of study were printed in technical bulletins. His first sabbatic leave was spent at the University of Minnesota on the general problem of economic aspects of creameries.

Professor J. M. Sherman, head of the department of dairy industry at Cornell, has been named as one of the ten official delegates who are to represent the United States at the ninth International Dairy Congress to be held in Copenhagen, Denmark, July 14 to 17, 1931. His family will accompany him on the trip.

Professor H. E. Ross '06 and his class in Market Milk visited dairy plants in Elmira April 29.

The *Proceedings of the American Society for Horticultural Science for 1930* contained papers by E. V. Hardenburg '12, A. J. Heinicke, J. E. Knott, L. H. MacDaniels '12, Joseph Oskamp, A. M. S. Pridham, Ora Smith, and A. L. Wilson of the ag college staff.

Professor H. H. Whetzel of the Department of Plant Pathology recently spoke to the Rotary Club, at luncheon in the Ithaca Hotel, on the subject of "An Experiment in Education."

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## HOME ECONOMICS

### MASS MEETING

A MASS MEETING was held on Tuesday, May 5, for all Home Economics students. The meeting was presided over by the president, Ellen Kuney. Several reports were given. Clarissa Smith reported on the work of the vocational committee. Miss Alice Blinn, editor of the Delineator has been their guest speaker.

Ethel Wallace, chairman of Home Economics Club development committee reported that letters of information had been sent to all Home Economics teachers in southern districts of New York State. Some information about the high school clubs has been received and more is expected.

Gertrude Andrews, president of Omicron Nu, explained the work of the standardization committee. They are getting material on silk stockings which is to be given to the National committee. She announced that Cornelia Gaskill '33 had the highest average of her freshman class and her name will be placed on the Scholarship Cup. The Omicron Nu scholarship is to be awarded soon.

Portia Hopper announced that American Country Life Association Convention will be held at Cornell August 17-20. This is an opportunity for Home Economics and Agriculture students to entertain and meet the Visiting Delegates from other colleges.

Elizabeth Hopper announced that she had subscription blanks for the Home Economic Journal. She also urged everyone to go to the Kermis plays on May 8 and 9.

Elinor Johnson, one of the twelve delegates to the Home Economics Association convention in Syracuse reported on convention activities.

The Home Economics Club scholarship of \$100 which is given on the basis of scholarship, need, and service was awarded to Slava Malec '32.

### Club Elects Officers

The following persons were elected to the Home Economics Club offices:

President, Mary Ellen Ayer; Vice President, Kate Rogers; Secretary, Helen Cotter; Treasurer, Elinor Ernst; Publicity Manager, Helen Burritt; Faculty Advisor, Miss Brucher; also the members for the Honor System Committee for next year are: Edythe King '32, Ellen Ann Dunham '32, Betty Klock '33, Alice Rice '33, Alice Love '34, and the freshman member will be chosen next fall.

After the meeting, a tea was given in Room 245.

### PICNIC FOR SENIORS

The freshmen in the College of Home Economics entertained the Seniors and faculty of that college at a picnic on the Women's Athletic field Tuesday afternoon, May 12.

## FREDDY MITCHELL

This happy little boy is chuckling because he thinks he has had some lucky "breaks." In his own language he says; "Most chaps my age only have one mother, while I have had fifteen, besides lots and lots of aunts and quite a few uncles. It keeps me pretty busy finding something for all of them to do, but it is great fun watching how many things one little boy can find to keep a group of senior girls busy. About the time they get my appetite satisfied, it is time for my bath, and then they put me to bed. I am supposed to be asleep but I keep awake thinking of other things for them to do. The play hour is the most fun of all because they think they are laughing at me, while all the time I am laughing to see how I keep them scampering around. It's great fun being a Domecon baby, boys."



## DAVID LODGE

Even though browned to a healthy tan from daily exposures, David craves more sunshine. He is now 7 months old and has his first tooth which peeked through Sunday, April 26. David is trying to get as much health from Cornell as possible as he will soon be leaving to get adapted to another home.



## HOME ECONOMICS CONVENTION

Twelve delegates from Cornell went to the Home Economics Convention at Syracuse Friday, April 16. They were: Ethel Wallace, Elinor Johnson, Katherine Rogers, Florence George, Elsie Hanford, Frances Eldridge, Mary Ellen Ayer, Marguerite Trauger, Ruth Libbel, Helen Cotter, Lillian McChesney, Portia Hopper.

Miss Treva Kausman from the New York State department of education gave a talk on "Knowing Ourselves," at the banquet which was held at the Y. W. C. A.

On April 17, the representatives from Pratt Institute at Brooklyn, Russell-Sage College, at Troy, Albany State College, Buffalo State College, Syracuse University and Cornell met and had a discussion on the programs that their Home Economics Clubs had given during the year. A motion was made to have a state-wide program next year. They had lunch at the Huntington Club.

## "KNOW PEOPLE," ADVICE OF MAGAZINE WOMEN

"You must know people as well as your home economics subjects to sell women facts and ideas in print," said Miss Alice Blinn, an executive director of the Delineator, and alumna of the New York state college of home economics at Cornell when talking to the students at that college.

Miss Blinn, who was a guest of the student Home Economics Club there, told of the opportunities in print for women trained in Home Economics. She stressed the fact that writing, as well as other commodities must be sold; that in selling, knowledge was a valuable tool and that knowing people's likes and dislikes with the reasons for them was essential.

Miss Blinn and the members of the Vocational Guidance Committee of the Home Economics Club were entertained at the Forest Home Inn by Miss Flora Rose, a director of the college. Later in the afternoon, the members of the Home Economics Club gave a tea for Miss Blinn.

## PRACTICAL VIEWS

"Be prepared." It looks as if the Home Economic girls who are taking Ag Engineering and Household Carpentry have that as their motto. Vacuum cleaners and sewing machines are being overhauled, electric flat irons, toasters, and all kinds of electrical equipment are being repaired, as well as the sharpening of shears and knives. They have even carried their ambitions so far as to overhaul automobiles, grinding the valves, cleaning carbon and greasing.

Footstools, bread boards, kitchen stools, book racks, and step ladders are carried home at various times and stored away for future use. Old furniture has been repaired and re-finished to look like new again.

**ELECTRICITY AIDS BEAUTY**

**H**OW ELECTRICITY can make our homes more beautiful, more comfortable, and more efficient was shown by the students in house furnishing at the New York state college of home economics at the annual engineering exhibit at Cornell University this week. The exhibit was open to everyone on the evenings of Friday, May 8 and Saturday, May 9.

The exhibit, an annual show in which the engineering students demonstrated the practical application of the latest electrical machinery both for industries and homes, was sponsored by the members of the honorary engineering society, Eta Kappa Nu.

One of their exhibits this year was a modern air humidifier machine which can be used for large factories and office buildings or for small sized homes. Among one of their stunts was one showing the voltage phenomena of the tesla coil discharge. The kitchen equipment applicable to any home was chosen and arranged to save the homemaker's time and energy. A special feature was a conveniently equipped dining nook. Students from the colleges of home economics and engineering acted as guides and demonstrators.

The College of Home Economics had two exhibits:—a living room in which the use of electricity for new types of lighting, telephones, and clocks was featured and a kitchen arranged for efficiency whose equipment, both large and small, was electrically operated. The lighting in the living room demonstrated the importance of the placing of lights as well as their number. The double plugs on the

fireplace mantle were used for lamps as well as an electric clock. The well-lighted bridge table showed how to prevent eyestrain sometimes caused by bad lighting on glazed cards.

Things to be learned from the exhibit were that electrical kitchen equipment can save much time and energy for the person who uses it, and over a period of years is not expensive. Its operating cost is dependent both on the current rate of electricity in the locality and the modification of that rate according to the amount of electrical equipment used.

**SOUTHERN DISTRICTS MEET**

The district Home Economics Association met in the Home Economics building Saturday, May 9.

**Glassware is Demonstrated**

Miss Moltby gave a lecture and demonstration on glassware. She told how a new kind of glassware was made using plain crystal glass as a base and dipping it into black glass. Designs are then put on and covered with wax. It is dipped in acid which removes the color except where the wax is. It is then dipped into crystal glass again, leaving the design between two layers of glass. Miss Moltby also discussed table service in the home. She thinks that children should participate in the meal. The meal should be informal and sociable. The food should be brought in on tea wagons and the children serve different foods. This enables the mother to stay at the table instead of getting up to go to the kitchen and also teaches the children to be helpful.

**OMICRON NU ELECTS**

**O** MICRON NU had a meeting in the Home Economic Club room on May 7, and elected two honorary faculty members, Professor Beulah Blackmore and Professor Mary Henry, and pledged five students; Ellen Anne Dunham '32, Mary Fitz Randolph '32, Jean Frederick '32, Margaret Gilchrist '31, Edythe King '32.

An initiation banquet was held in Willard Straight, Friday May 15. Edith Macon '31 had charge of the banquet.

There was a business meeting and information meeting for the new members on May 16.

**BLANKETS HAVE THEIR DAY**

Miss Margaret George gave a lecture and demonstration on blankets, Thursday, May 7, in the Home Economics building. She showed the types of blankets for winter and summer. Lamb's wool and other blankets of all kinds including a camel's hair blanket which is suitable for a man's room. She said that to buy a cheap camel's hair blanket was a poor investment but to buy a good one was a very good investment. Miss George is also an interior decorator and showed some color schemes that could be made more effective by a bedspread or top blanket. These bring out the colors in the draperies, wall paper or other articles. It is often said that color schemes are a part of a person's life. She said that color schemes are really a part of our livable background.

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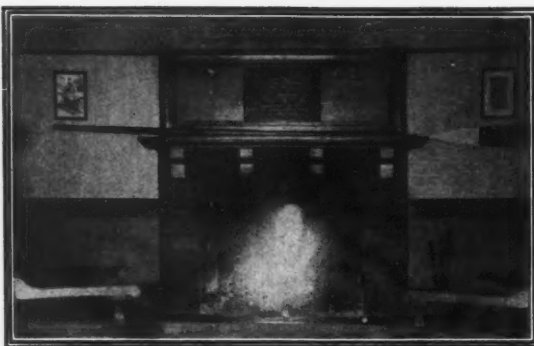
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#### CORNELL FORESTERS CONVENE FOR THEIR THIRD BANQUET

The Cornell Foresters gathered at the Republic Inn, Freeville, Friday evening, May 1, for the big event of the year. After the dinner was put away the fun began. Professor Spring acted as toastmaster and he did the job nobly.

"Chief" Hosmer presented the two Pack prizes. Lowell "Bill" Besley '31 proved to be the best all-round senior and Darwin "Mighty" Miscall '31 won the essay prize. "Mighty's" topic was, "The Airplane—a New Tool in Forestry."

The topic of Professor Bristow Adams' speech according to the program was "x;—". He covered it very well, giving brief descriptions of the forests of various countries he visited on his trip around the World.

Dr. Harlan Horner, the director of state colleges under the State Board of Regents, was a welcome guest. Dr. Horner said that one of the old writers stated "One should first, *Know*, and second, with that knowledge, *serve*". The Foresters are admirably trained to do that.

Then came the surprise of the evening—*movies*. Unique, what! The first reel showed the "frosh" at work on the woodlot and then the seniors cruising another woodlot; at least they were walking around with those funny sticks in their hands. Through the kindness of our own "Archie" Budd '29 two films of South Carolina were shown. One was taken on a lumbering operation, and the other was taken on this year's southern trip of the seniors. The pictures were "simply remarkable," and we certainly owe "Archie" a big vote of thanks.

Mr. C. R. Tillotson was the principal speaker of the evening. Mr. Tillotson is a Forest Service man in charge of New England and New York in control of the Federal appropriations to the States in connection with the Clark-McNary Act. He expressed his opinion that the day of talking in Forestry is over. A great deal has been accomplished by talking in the past years, but now the people have got to the stage where they insist on being shown. The private owner wants concrete evidence of what Forestry will do for him. He demands practicability. Mr. Tillotson felt that we who are or soon will be getting out into the field have this problem to face. In 10 or 15 years we will be the leaders and we must be able to show what Forestry is capable of. The art of silviculture along with public relations will be paramount in his opinion.

#### OUR PROFESSORS

Professor R. S. Hosmer attended the reforestation conference under Dean Baker of Syracuse. The conference was held on the Charles Luthrop Pack Demonstration Forest at Warrensburg, New York, May 15 and 16. The "Chief" gave a short talk.

Professor John Bentley recently gave a talk on Forestry and its possibilities at the Trumansburg High School.

This Spring has been a banner one in tree planting. Professor J. A. Cope and J. E. Davis have been planting trees everywhere. In another 100 years Ithaca and the vicinity will look like the Black Forest if this keeps up.

Professor A. B. Recknagel recently addressed the Hoo Hoo Club, No. 71, of Buffalo. His topic was the work of the Forest Products Laboratory at Madison, Wisconsin.

The 1931 Forestry Camp will start on the morning of Friday, August 28, and will run until Friday, September 25. The camp will be again under the able supervision of Professors S. N. Spring, A. B. Recknagel, and John Bentley.

Professor A. B. Recknagel expects to resume his work with the Finch-Pruyn Company on the classification survey of the extensive timber holdings of the company.

All in all, this banquet was the best we have ever had, and we hope there will be many more equally good to follow.

#### NOTES FOR WOOD TECH

The best wood for matches—he would and she would.

The best wood for shoes—sandalwood.

The best wood for pencils—any kind so long as it's the right kind.

The best wood for a piano—firewood—it comes in cords.

The best wood for coffins—dye-wood.

—American Forests

Found in a District Bulletin:—

"When is the time in the life of the Forest School trainee when the Rah-rah disappears and the Do-something begins?" We suggest that it is about when the trainee discovers his horsemanship in the basic field artillery didn't make him a cowpuncher.

#### ALL THE FOUR CLASSES ARE WORKING IN THE FIELD

The seniors scarcely gave the department truck time to cool off from the Southern trip before they departed for the Adirondacks. They left for Newcomb over the weekend of May 9 to watch the pulp wood drive of Finch-Pruyn down the headwaters of the Hudson. About 20,000 cords were to be driven from Lake Sanford.

At last the juniors have visited the famous Arnot Forest. Saturday, April 25, they journeyed forth under the able leadership of Professors S. N. Spring, and J. N. Spaeth, and H. G. Wilm '30, to plant trees. Two experimental rows of red pine and white pine were set out and a short row of oak acorns were planted.

The sophomores have been working with Professor John Bentley in Forest Mensuration. Ye editor trusts that the compassman didn't forget the magnet to regulate the instrument.

The "frosh" have been learning how to ride a crosscut and swing a mattock (?). They have made an improvement cutting on the Behrends woodlot and set trees on various sites.

Robin Hood will be located at 228 Linden Avenue next year.

Mr. Ripley Bowman, executive manager of the National Timber Conservation Board, Washington, D. C., was in Ithaca recently to confer with members of the staff of the Forestry department.

The "army" will indeed be an army this summer. Several of the juniors will spend the first part of the summer at Plattsburg or Madison Barricks. We trust they will enjoy themselves.

We have some sad news. One of the boys has fallen by the wayside. He's started to address the women's clubs before he even graduates. Poor "Bill."

Mr. C. R. Tillotson has been engaged in revising the figures on areas and volumes of standing timber in New York State. The files of the Forestry Department apparently contained the only available data of sufficient detail for this purpose. He remained for several days after the banquet. The results of Mr. Tillotson's work will be later published in a regular government bulletin.



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**Former Student Notes***(Continued from page 213)*

Warren A. Ranney has gone on with the work that he began as an undergraduate and is now working full time for the Agricultural Advertising and Research Service Inc. with offices in the Ithaca Trust Company building. Ranney and G. S. Butts '25 are keeping bachelors quarters at 320 N. Aurora Street, Ithaca.

Jean E. Saltford was married to Francis W. Ruzicka '29 in June, immediately following her graduation, at Speculator, New York, in the Adirondacks. Jean's only attendants were her grandparents. Soon after their marriage, the couple motored to Richmond, Virginia, where "Zeke" resumed his horticultural publishing work. Three months afterward, they moved to Atlanta, Georgia, "Zeke" having received a new position as manager of the southern branch horticultural publishing department of the A. T. De LaMare Company. After having spent a very pleasant winter in the south, they recently travelled northward, and "Zeke" is now working for the New York branch of the aforesaid concern. He was formerly a member of the board of the CORNELL COUNTRYMAN. Cor-

respondence addressed to 20 North Avenue, Poughkeepsie, New York, will reach them.

Arthur C. Stevens is on the front office staff of the Hotel Fort Sumter in Charleston, South Carolina.

Beatrice M. Wilde is assistant county agent in Broome County, New York, where she has charge of girls' club work.

J. Arthur Hill has moved to West Henrietta, New York.

Alice J. Paddock is teacher of home economics in the High School of Monroe, New York. She resides at 214 Elm Street.

'31

L. B. Thurston, a winter course student, is now located on the J. S. Morse seed and stock farm at Levanna, New York. At the Livestock Show held during the last Farm and Home Week he showed an Angus steer and won Reserve Championship.

W. J. "Willie" Edmonds who graduated in February, is managing a lettuce growers cooperative at Elba, New York. He is living at Batavia.

Ione L. Koller is assistant supervisor of dining room service with the New York Telephone Company. Her address is Laura Spelman Hall, 607 Hudson Street, New York.

**Caviar for the General**  
By Carl J. Gillette '28

The dietitians and food faddists of the past decade have neglected to consider the important role which psychology plays in the process of digestion. They have focused all of their attention on calories, vitamins, minerals, carbohydrates, and so forth, as though man were just a machine which must be fed the proper amounts to operate smoothly and efficiently.

The psychologists have long recognized the importance of the mind in digestion, although little has been said about it, so that most people fail to grasp its importance. Even though the meal is properly balanced and skillfully prepared, it will not be digested well if the mind is disturbed by anger, worry, or grief. Food will be better digested if the one who is eating is pleased with its appearance, likes its odor, and relishes its taste.

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